

Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
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Page 12, lines 2 and 16, delete each occurrence of "Primal" and insert in place thereof --PRIMAL--.

*CLAIMS*

Page 13, line 1, delete "Claims" and insert in place thereof --What is Claimed is:--

Last page, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert in place thereof --Abstract of the Disclosure--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice.

Enter the following new claims 6-26.

--6. A polyacrylate jointing compound comprised of:

- (a) one or more copolymers of at least one acrylate and acrylonitrile, wherein the acrylate is an ester of acrylic acid and an alcohol containing 2 to 8 carbon atoms; *112*  
(b) one or more fatty compounds as plasticizer; and  
(c) water;

wherein said polyacrylate jointing compound is in paste form.--

--7. The polyacrylate jointing compound of claim 6 comprising 10 to 60% by weight of component (a).-- *wt %*

--8. The polyacrylate jointing compound of claim 6 comprising 0.2 to 15% by weight of component (b).-- *wt %*

--9. The polyacrylate jointing compound of claim 6 comprising 5 to 20% by weight water.-- *wt %*

--10. The polyacrylate jointing compound of claim 6 additionally comprising one or more additional components selected from the group consisting of fillers and pigments in an amount up to 70% by weight--. *lined out*

--11. The polyacrylate jointing compound of claim 6 additionally comprising 0.3 to 5% by weight of one or more auxiliaries.-- *lined out*